COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 25 June 2004

amending Annex II to Council Decision 79/542/EEC as regards the list of third countries from which the Member States authorise imports of fresh meat

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(Text with EEA relevance)

(2004/542/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 72/462/EEC of 12 December 1972 on health and veterinary inspection problems upon importation of bovine, ovine and caprine animals and swine, fresh meat or meat products from third countries [1], and in particular, Article 14(3)(c) and (d) and Article 15 thereof,

Having regard to Council Directive 2002/99/EC of 16 December 2002 laying down the animal health rules governing the production, processing, distribution and introduction of products of animal origin for human consumption [2], and in particular Article 8(1) and (4) thereof,

Whereas

(1) Council Decision 79/542/EEC of 21 December 1979 drawing up a list of third countries or parts of third countries, and laying down animal and public health and veterinary certification conditions, for importation into the Community of certain live animals and their fresh meat [3], has been recently amended by Commission Decision 2004/212/EC [4]. Pursuant to this amendment, new models of health certificates will come into force on 1 May 2004.

(2) Commission Decision 93/402/EEC of 10 June 1993 concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certificate for imports of fresh meat from South American countries [5], still applies to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay and Uruguay and has recently been amended by Decision 2003/758/EC [6], which modified the regionalisation of Argentina; this Decision will be repealed on the 1 May 2004 by Decision 2004/212/EC.

(3) Commission Decision 1999/283/EC of 12 April 1999 concerning animal health conditions and veterinary certificate for imports of fresh meat from certain African countries [7], has recently been amended by Decision 2003/571/EC [8], which modified the regionalisation of Swaziland; this Decision will be repealed on the 1 May 2004 by Decision 2004/212/EC.

(4) Commission Decision 2000/585/EC of 7 September 2000 drawing up a list of third countries from which Member States authorise imports of rabbit meat and certain wild and farmed game meat, and laying down the animal and public health and the veterinary certification conditions for such imports [9], has recently been amended by Decision 2004/245/EC [10], which authorised Iceland for export of farmed and wild game meat of cloven-hoofed animals excluding swine.

(5) Therefore Decision 79/542/EEC must be updated to take into account the regionalisation and certification requirements concerning Argentina as laid down in Decision 2003/758/EC, concerning Swaziland as laid down in Decision 2003/571/EC and concerning Iceland as laid down in Decision 2004/245/EC.

[1] OJ L 302, 31.12.1972 p. 28. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 807/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 36).
[2] OJ L 18, 23.1.2003, p. 11.
[3] OJ L 146, 14.6.1979, p. 15. Decision as last amended by Decision 2004/372/EC (OJ L 118, 23.4.2004, p. 45).
[4] OJ L 73, 11.3.2004, p. 11.
[5] OJ L 179, 22.7.1993, p. 11.
[6] OJ L 272, 23.10.2003, p. 16.
[7] OJ L 110, 28.4.1999, p. 16.
[8] OJ L 194, 1.8.2003, p. 79.
[9] OJ L 251, 6.10.2000, p. 1.
[10] OJ L 77, 13.3.2004, p. 62.

(6) ISO codes relating to some third countries listed in part 1 of Annex II to Decision 79/542/EEC should be updated.

(7) It should be clarified that the use of the model certificates laid down in Decision 79/542/EEC is required without prejudice to specific certification requirements based on Community agreements with third countries.

(8) Part 1 of Annex II to Decision 79/542/EEC should be amended accordingly.

(9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Part 1 of Annex II to Decision 79/542/EC is replaced by the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall apply from 1 May 2004.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 June 2004.

For the Commission

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Member of the Commission

ANNEX

'ANNEX II (FRESH MEAT)

PART 1

List of third countries or parts thereof (*)

Country	Code of territory	Description of territory	Veterinary certificate		Specific conditions
			Model(s)	SG	
1	2	3	4	5	6
AL — Albania	AL-0	Whole country	—		
AR — Argentina	AR-0	Whole country	EQU		1 and 2
	AR-1	The Provinces of Buenos Aires, Catamarca, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, La Pampa, La Rioja, Mendoza, Misiones, Neuquen, Rio Negro, San Juan, San Luis, Santa Fe, Santiago del Estero, and Tucuman.	BOV	A	
	AR-2	La Pampa and Santiago del Estero	BOV	A	1 and 2
	AR-3	Cordoba	BOV	A	1 and 2
	AR-4	Chubut, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego	BOV, OVI		
	AR-5	Formosa (only the territory of Ramon Lista) and Salta (only the department of Rivadavia)	BOV	A	1 and 2
	AR-6	Salta (only the departments of General Jose de San Martin, Oran, Iruya, and Santa Victoria)	BOV	A	1 and 2
	AR-7	Chaco, Formosa (except the territory of Ramon Lista), Salta (except the departments of General Jose de San Martin, Rivadavia, Oran, Iruya, and Santa Victoria), Jujuy	BOV	A	1 and 2
AU — Australia	AU-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, RUF, RUW, SUF, SUW		
BA — Bosnia and Herzegovina	BA-0	Whole country	—		
BG — Bulgaria	BG-0	Whole country	EQU		
	BG-1	The provinces of Varna, Dobrich, Silistra, Choumen, Targovitchte, Razgrad, Rousse, V.Tarnovo, Gabrovo, Pleven, Lovetch, Plovdic, Smolian, Pasardjik, Sofia district, Sofia city, Pernik, Kustendil, Blagoevgrad, Vratza, Montana and Vidin	BOV, OVI RUW, RUF		
	BG-2	The provinces of Bourgas, Jambol, Sliven, Starazagora, Hasskovo, Kardjaliand and the 20-km-wide corridor on the border with Turkey	—		
BH — Bahrain	BH-0	Whole country	—		
BR — Brazil	BR-0	Whole country	EQU		
	BR-1	States of Paraná, Minas Gerais (except regional delegations of Oliveira, Passos, São Gonçalo de Sapucai, Sete Lagoas and Bambuí), São Paulo, Espíritu Santo, Mato Grosso do Sul (except for the municipalities of Sete Quedas, Sonora, Aquidauana, Bodoqueno, Bonito, Caracol, Coxim, Jardim, Ladario, Miranda, Pedro Gomes, Porto Murtinho, Rio Negro, Rio Verde of Mato Grosso and Corumbá), Santa Catarina, Goias and the regional units of Cuiaba (except for the municipalities of San Antonio de Leverger, Nossa Senhora do Livramento, Pocone and Barão de Melgaço), Caceres (except for the municipality of Caceres), Lucas do Rio Verde, Rondonopolis (except for the municipality of Itiquiora), Barra do Garça and Barra do Burges in Mato Grosso.	BOV	A	1 and 2

1	2	3	4	5	6
	BR-2	State of Rio Grande do Sul	BOV	A	1 and 2
	BR-3	State of Mato Grosso do Sul, municipality of Sete Quedas	BOV	A	1 and 2
BW — Botswana	BW-0	Whole country	EQU, EQW		
	BW-1	The veterinary disease control zones 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 18	BOV, OVI, RUF, RUW	F	1 and 2
	BW-2	The veterinary disease control zones 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14	BOV, OVI, RUF, RUW	F	1 and 2
BY — Belarus	BY-0	Whole country	—		
BZ — Belize	BZ-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
CA — Canada	CA-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, RUF, RUW, SUF, SUW		
CH — Switzerland	CH-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, RUF, RUW, SUF, SUW		
CL — Chile	CL-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, RUF, RUW		
CN — China (People's Republic of)	CN-0	Whole country	—		
CO — Colombia	CO-0	Whole country	EQU		
	CO-1	The zone included within the borderlines from the point where the Murri River flows into the Atrato River, downstream along the Atrato River to where it flows into the Atlantic Ocean; from this point to the Panamanian border following the Atlantic coastline to Cabo Tiburón; from this point to the Pacific Ocean following the Columbian-Panamanian border; from this point to the mouth of the Valle River along the Pacific coast and from this point along a straight line to the point where the Murri River flows into the Atrato River.	BOV	A	2
	CO-2	The municipalities of Arboletas, Necocli, San Pedro de Urah, Turbo, Apartado, Chigorodo, Mutata, Daheiba, Uramita, Murindo, Riosucio (right bank of the Atrato river) and Frontino.	EQU		
	CO-3	The zone included within the borderlines from the mouth of the Sinu River on the Atlantic Ocean, upstream along the Sinu River to its headwaters of Alto Paramillo; from this point to Puerto Rey on the Atlantic Ocean, following the borderline between the Department of Antiquia and Córdoba, and from this point to the mouth of the Sinu River along the Atlantic coast.	BOV	A	2
CR — Costa Rica	CR-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
CS — Serbia and Montenegro	CS-0	Whole country	—		
	CS-1	Whole country except the region of Kosovo and Metohija	BOV, OVI, EQU		
CU — Cuba	CU-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
DZ — Algeria	DZ-0	Whole country	—		
ET — Ethiopia	ET-0	Whole country	—		
FK — Falkland Islands	FK-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, EQU		
GL — Greenland	GL-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, EQU, RUF, RUW		

1	2	3	4	5	6
GT — Guatemala	GT-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
HK — Hong Kong	HK-0	Whole country	—		
HN — Honduras	HN-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
HR — Croatia	HR-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, EQU, RUF, RUW		
IL — Israel	IL-0	Whole country	—		
IN — India	IN-0	Whole country	—		
IS — Iceland	IS-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, EQU, RUF, RUW		
KE — Kenya	KE-0	Whole country	—		
MA — Morocco	MA-0	Whole country	EQU		
MG — Madagascar	MG-0	Whole country	—		
MK — Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (**)	MK-0	Whole country	OVI, EQU		
MU — Mauritius	MU-0	Whole country	—		
MX — Mexico	MX-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
NA — Namibia	NA-0	Whole country	EQU, EQW		
	NA-1	South of the cordon fences which extend from Palgrave Point in the west to Gam in the east	BOV, OVI, RUF, RUW	F	2
NC — New Caledonia	NC-0	Whole country	BOV, RUF, RUW		
NI — Nicaragua	NI-0	Whole country	—		
NZ — New Zealand	NZ-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, RUF, RUW, SUF, SUW		
PA — Panama	PA-0	Whole country	BOV, EQU		
PY — Paraguay	PY-0	Whole country	EQU		
	PY-1	Chaco central and San Pedro areas	BOV	A and F	1 and 2
RO — Romania	RO-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, EQU, RUW, RUF		
RU — Russian Federation	RU-0	Whole country	—		
	RU-1	Region of Murmansk (Murmanskaya oblast)	RUF		
SV — El Salvador	SV-0	Whole country	—		
SZ — Swaziland	SZ-0	Whole country	EQU, EQW		
	SZ-1	Area west of the “red line” fences which extends northwards from the river Usutu to the frontier with South Africa west of Nkalashane	BOV, RUF, RUW	F	2
	SZ-2	The veterinary foot-and-mouth surveillance and vaccination control areas as gazetted as a Statutory Instrument under legal notice No 51 of 2001	BOV, RUF, RUW	F	1 and 2
TH — Thailand	TH-0	Whole country	—		
TN — Tunisia	TN-0	Whole country	—		

1	2	3	4	5	6
TR — Turkey	TR-0	Whole country	—		
	TR-1	The provinces of Amasya, Ankara, Aydin, Balikesir, Bursa, Cankiri, Corum, Denizli, Izmir, Kastamonu, Kutahya, Manisa, Usak, Yozgat and Kirikkale	EQU		
UA — Ukraine	UA-0	Whole country	—		
US — United States	US-0	Whole country	BOV, OVI, POR, EQU, RUF, RUW, SUF, SUW		
UY — Uruguay	UY-0	Whole country	EQU		
			BOV	A	1
			BOV, OVI	B	1 and 2
ZA — South Africa	ZA-0	Whole country	EQU, EQW		
	ZA-1	The whole country except: — the part of the foot-and-mouth disease control area situated in the veterinary regions of Mpumalanga and Northern provinces, in the district of Ingwavuma of the veterinary region of Natal and in the border area with Botswana east of longitude 28°, and — the district of Camperdown, in the province of KwaZulu-Natal	BOV, OVI, RUF, RUW	F	2
ZW — Zimbabwe	ZW-0	Whole country	—		

(*) Without prejudice to specific certification requirements provided for by Community agreements with third countries.
(**) Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; provisional code that does not affect the definitive denomination of the country to be attributed after the conclusion of the negotiations currently taking place in the United Nations.
— No certificate laid down and fresh meat imports are prohibited.

Specific conditions referred to in column 6

"1": *Geographic and timing restrictions*

Code of territory	Veterinary certificate		Time period/dates for which importation into the Community is authorised or not authorised in relation to dates of slaughter/killing of animals from which the meat was obtained	
	Model	SG		
AR-1	BOV	A	Before and including 31 January 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 1 February 2002	Authorised
AR-2	BOV	A	Before and including 8 March 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 9 March 2002	Authorised
AR-3	BOV	A	Before and including 26 March 2002	None
			After and including 27 March 2002	Authorised
AR-4	BOV, OVI, RUM, RUF	—	Before and including 28 February 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 1 March 2002	Authorised
AR-5	BOV	A	Before and including 10 July 2003	Authorised
			After and including 11 July 2003	Not Authorised
AR-6	BOV	A	Before and including 4 September 2003	Authorised
			After and including 5 September 2003	Not Authorised
AR-7	BOV	A	After 1 February 2002 and before and including 7 October 2003	Authorised
			After and including 8 October 2003	Not Authorised

Code of territory	Veterinary certificate		Time period/dates for which importation into the Community is authorised or not authorised in relation to dates of slaughter/killing of animals from which the meat was obtained	
	Model	SG		
BR-2	BOV	A	Before and including 30 November 2001	Not authorised
			After and including 1 December 2001	Authorised
BR-3	BOV	A	Before and including 31 October 2002	Authorised
			After and including 1 November 2002	Not authorised
BW-1	BOV, OVI, RUM, RUF	A	Before and including 7 July 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 8 July to 22 December 2002	Authorised
			After and including 23 December 2002 to 6 June 2003	Not authorised
			After and including 7 June 2003	Authorised
BW-2	BOV, OVI, RUM, RUF	A	Before and including 6 March 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 7 March 2002	Authorised
PY-1	BOV	A	Before and including 31 August 2002	Not authorised
			After and including 1 September 2002 to 19 February 2003	Authorised
			After and including 20 February 2003	Not authorised
SZ-2	BOV,RUF, RUW	A	Before and including 3 August 2003	Not authorised
			After and including 4 August 2003	Authorised
UY-0	BOV, OVI	A	Before and including 31 October 2001	Not authorised
			After and including 1 November 2001	Authorised

"2": *Category restrictions:*

No offal authorised (except bovine diaphragm and masseter muscles).'.